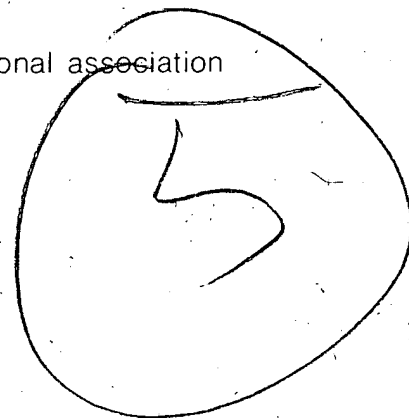




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Applicants: Frederick, et al.
For: System For Tracking and Dispensing Medical Items
From Environmentally Controlled Storage Area
Docket No.: D-1093

Sir:

Please find enclosed Applicants' Response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2000 including a Declaration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 and the Exhibit thereto for filing in the above referenced case.

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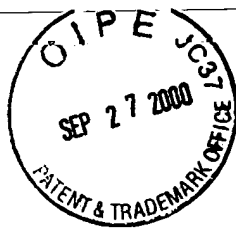
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In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2000 Applicants submit the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending in the Application. Claims 4-23 and 27-44 are withdrawn from consideration.

In the Action, Claims 1, 3, 24-25, 45 and 47 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Lavigne.

Claims 1 and 24 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Colson '450.

Claim 45 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Pearson '232.